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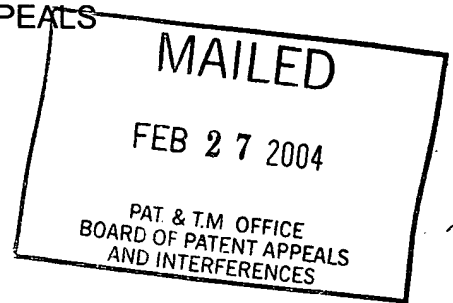
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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS  
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Ex parte CHANDA DHARAP

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Appeal No. 2003-0953  
Application 09/374,694<sup>1</sup>



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ORDER REMANDING TO EXAMINER  
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An Information Disclosure Statement was filed on January 23, 2004 (Paper No. 15). It is not apparent from the record that the examiner considered the statement submitted nor notified applicants of why their submission did not meet the criteria set forth in 37 CFR §§ 1.97 and 1.98.

**Accordingly, it is**

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<sup>1</sup> Application for patent filed August 16, 1999.

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**ORDERED** that the application is remanded to the Examiner for such consideration of the Information Disclosure Statement and for such further action as may be appropriate.

It is important that the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences be informed promptly of any action affecting the status of the appeal (i.e., abandonment, issue, reopening prosecution).

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